

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) ~~The A connector of claim 1, wherein connectable~~  
with a mating housing, the connector comprising:

a housing having a front end connectable with the mating housing, a rear end  
and at least one terminal-receiving cavity extending between the ends, the rear end of the  
housing has being formed to define two pushable portions symmetrically disposed on the  
housing and configured for receiving a forward pushing force for connecting the housing  
with the mating housing;

a slider that is movable with respect to the housing, the slider being formed  
with at least one rearwardly open escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the  
housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being  
compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating  
housing as the slider is moved.

3. (currently amended) The connector of claim 42, wherein the slider is  
movable forward and backward substantially along connecting and separating directions of  
the housing and the mating housing.

4. (currently amended) The connector of claim 42, wherein the slider has  
a substantially tubular shape for at least partly surrounding the housing.

5. (previously presented) The connector of claim 4, wherein the slider  
has a substantially rectangular tubular shape and is configured to project back from a

receptacle of the mating housing when the housing and the mating housing are connected properly.

6. (currently amended) The connector of claim 42, wherein the slider comprises at least one pullable portion pullable for separating the housing from the mating housing.

7. (previously presented) The connector of claim 6, wherein two pullable portions are provided substantially symmetrically on sides of the slider neighboring sides where the escape grooves are formed.

Claims 8 and 9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented) A connector assembly comprising;  
a housing and a mating housing that are connectable with one another, at least one pushable portion formed on the housing and configured for pushing the housing towards the mating housing to achieve connection;

a slider movable with respect to the housing and at least partly surrounding the housing, the slider being formed with at least one escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved, wherein

the mating housing includes a resilient displacing portion which is resiliently displaceable to interfere with the slider during the connection and separation of the housings while being restored so as not to interfere with the slider when the two housings are connected properly.